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Examiner: Sugarman, Scott J.

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RESPONSE A

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's communication mailed  
December 2, 2004.

Claims 39-58 have been rejected under the judicially created  
doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable  
over claims 1-38 of U.S. Patent No. 6,467,903 and over claims 39-75  
of copending application No. 10/171/718, which application issued  
as U.S. Patent No. 6,857,740 on February 22, 2005.

Enclosed is a Terminal Disclaimer, and required fee,  
disclaiming the terminal part of any patent issuing from the above-  
identified application which extends beyond the expiration of U.S.

Patent No. 6,467,903 and U.S. Patent No. 6,857,740.

In view of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer, and required fee, applicant requests that the obviousness-type double patenting rejections be withdrawn.

In conclusion, applicant submits that claims 39-58 are allowable and respectfully requests the Examiner to pass the above-identified application to issuance at an early date. Should any matters remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to call (collect) applicant's attorney at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank J. Uxa", is written over the typed name.

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